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Subject: Consulting Party Status and Section 106 Consultation, Lila Canyon
Extension to the Horse Canyon Mine, Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/0013,
Outgoing File

Dear Ms. Dragoo:

Thank you for your letter dated December 27, 2005 that requested UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. (UEI) participate actively in this process as a “consulting party” under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), pursuant to 36 CFR, 800.2 (c) (4). UEI as a party seeking a federal permit is already a consulting party. Accordingly, UEI is included in the Section 106 consultation process.

We look forward to any more information you can provide that reflects the nature and complexity of this undertaking and its effect on historic properties. Please provide this information to me within 30 days.

Please call me at 801-538-5306 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director, Mining